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Peter Jachera, of Somerville, 11-year-old homing pigeon enthusiast, on line since shortly after 6:30 a.m., brightened up when he was assured he would be reached on line. Last to be admitted, he purchased the six remaining females, the last of the Army pigeons to be sold. Above, he is fondling one of his newly-acquired feathered friends, which are being placed in the crate brought with him, by SEC Harry W. Lucas, who started pigeon training in World War I, and has the longest record as an Army pidgeoner.

86 Pigeon Fanciers Get Fort's Birds

FT. MONMOUTH—The United States Army mustered out of the service yesterday its remaining 1,018 pigeons—once prized messengers made obsolete by electronic advances.

The birds were sold to 82 pigeon fanciers from all parts of the country. At least 200 disappointed buyers were turned away when the last pigeon was sold at 11:43 a.m.

The price was \$5 a pair and the sale went on a strictly first-come, first-serve basis.

And although the younger generation is reputed to be interested only in space cadets and two-way radio wrist watches, a 10-year-old boy was the first customer and an 11-year-old closed the sale.

Robert Cardin, of New Bedford, Mass., who arrived here at 2 a.m. with his father, Edwin, was first in line. He bought 10 pairs.

Peter Jachera, 11, of Somerville, the last customer, bought six pigeons.

Racing Team Buys 20

The racing team of Frank Teumer, of Calumet City, Ill., and Anthony Palb, of Hammond, Ind., traveled furthest to get to the sale. They bought 10 pairs.

One prospective buyer, Stewart Buchter, Laureldale, Pa., was too far down the line to make a purchase, told Army officials he captured the famous German pigeon later nicknamed "Kaiser" in France during World War I. "Kaiser" carried a message to the German lines when captured.

The sale was supervised by Otto Meyer, civilian head of the Army Pigeon Training and Breeding Center, who has handled Army pigeons for 40 years. He was a major in World War II.

The Army, which began using